



November 2011

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number 801-966-3600
City Manager 801-963-3220
Police Department 801-963-3386
Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
Fire Department 801-963-3336
Justice Courts..... 801-963-3590
Emergency 911
Family Fitness Center... 801-955-4000
Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility 801-963-3448
Housing Authority 801-963-3320
Parks and Rec. 801-955-4000
Harman Home 801-965-5822
Stonebridge Golf Course
801-957-9000
West Ridge Golf Course
801-965-5800
Graffiti Hot Line..... 801-963-3467
Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
Victims Services 801-963-3223
Ordinance Compliance 801-963-3289
Utah Cultural
Celebration Center 801-965-5100

Website:
www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Patriotism Begins At Home

By Councilman Steve Buhler

Patriotism begins at home. We love our country. We love it because of the freedoms guaranteed us by the constitution. We love it because of the ideals it embodies of opportunity and self-determination. As we approach the end of the year, still fighting on foreign soil with the goal of keeping the fight over there, still struggling to right our collective financial ship, while celebrating yet another Veterans Day, I have contemplated what it means to be an American.

Here is what I came up with. For us to be the greatest nation, we have to be the greatest people. The American heroes we admire were brave, hard-working, optimistic and selfless. Do we have these qualities? As we bring this year to a close and embark

on a new year, ready or not, let us pledge not only allegiance to the flag of our nation, but allegiance to our fellow men, where they stand closest, right in our neighborhoods. Let us be brave, hard-working, optimistic and selfless. Let's lead the way. Let's go out of our way to help our neighbors. Let's face uncertain times with courage and optimism born of the knowledge that our forefathers were able to come through worse times, chin held high.

If we are made of the same stuff they were, then we, too, have to be unbeatable. Let us rise to the occasion and show our mettle. As Americans I firmly believe we have it within us to rise to the occasion and meet our challenges. And let us do it right here at home.

Get information on what is happening in West Valley City by liking the City on Facebook or following the City through Twitter. Keep up to date on city events, the Cultural Center, Neighborhood Services, Animal Services, and the progress of Fairbourne Station. Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/social for a list of all the City's social media pages.

Diverging Diamond Interchange

On Monday, October 24th, UDOT opened a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at the interchange of Bangerter Highway and SR-201. This is the first DDI in Salt Lake County, and the second in the State of Utah. The DDI is designed to improve mobility and safety at the interchange, and an additional eastbound traffic lane is being provided between Bangerter Highway and I-215, allowing the system to operate more efficiently. Other project elements included in this effort are dual right-turn lanes onto the SR-201 eastbound on-ramp; dual northbound left-turn lanes on Bangerter Highway at 1820 South; and dual eastbound left-turn lanes at 2100 South to northbound Bangerter Highway.

The following week, on Monday, October 31, UDOT opened its first four-legged Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at Bangerter Highway and 4100 South. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Bangerter Highway and 4100 South, and to accommodate future transportation needs. The CFI at Bangerter Highway and 4100 South has contraflow left turn lanes at each leg of the intersection, without bypass right turn lanes, as well as raised medians on 4100 South and accommodation of the pedestrian over-

pass over Bangerter Highway.

Both projects are within or adjacent to West Valley City limits, and City officials supported these projects which benefit local residents. In addition, both the DDI and CFI were cost-efficient due to minimal needs for right-of-way acquisition. In the case of the DDI, costs were further reduced by rehabilitating the existing bridge over SR-201 to accommodate the new interchange configuration, rather than building a new interchange. Both projects, in combination with other intersection improvements along Bangerter Highway, are expected to improve travel times for Bangerter Highway and cross streets once completed. While both the DDI and CFI were operational by late October, construction crews will still be working on elements such as sidewalks, curb, gutter, and medians (as well as some utility work) until late November.

Have questions about the DDI or CFI? UDOT has a public information team dedicated to these projects. You can contact the team via email at bangerternorth@utah.gov, or via the telephone hotline at 877-433-8227. UDOT has also provided a video simulation of how to navigate a DDI, available online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v20qJmndPE&feature=youtu.be>.

WEST VALLEY CITY
giving tree

The tree will be located near the Valley Fair Mall Customer Service Center
November 11 to December 10

Help a West Valley City child in need this holiday season.

Sponsored by the West Valley City Police Department, West Valley City, Valley Fair Mall and Hollywood Connection

It is easy to help!

Select a child to shop for. Check out the ornament from the mall Customer Service Center and receive a list of the child's needs and wants. Return the unwrapped gifts to the Customer Service Center before December 10.

Vehicle Burglary and Theft Tips

By Sgt. Steve Burke

We are approaching the busiest shopping time of the year, the holiday season. This is the busiest time of the year for the retailers. It is also the busiest time of the year for vehicle burglars and thieves.

As I walk from my car into a store, I look into vehicles to see what is visible inside. Believe it or not, you can learn a lot about people by seeing what is in their car. I have seen documents that have bank account numbers, names and addresses. I have seen purchases that included expensive electronics, medications and other valuables. I have seen wallets, purses and cash.

Most officers think that the items left in an unattended vehicle are just waiting to be stolen. If you are lucky, the criminal is just looking for the valuables to turn into quick cash. If the person breaking into your car is an identity thief you could be in for years of repairing your credit.

Last month the West Valley Police Department responded on 117 vehicle burglaries. Believe it or not, more than half of the cars were unlocked. I wonder how many of those vehicle burglaries would have never happened if the vehicle owner would have

locked their car.

It appears from reviewing the reports that many of the vehicle burglaries were crimes of opportunity. Meaning that the cars were burglarized because the owners forgot to lock their cars or decided not to lock them. If we remove the opportunity, we can reduce the number of vehicle burglaries. I have also been told that some insurance companies will not cover a loss if you have not taken reasonable steps to prevent it.

Please take a moment and lock your valuables in the trunk. Keep in mind that out of sight, out of mind does not always work. Evaluate the items that you keep in your vehicle. Do you really need old tax returns, loan documents, bills, traffic citations and checks in your vehicle? These items all contain numbers that a thief can use to steal your identity. Take these items out of your car and store them in your home.

Please help prevent and reduce crime by locking up your valuables. If you see a crime in progress or something suspicious, call the police.



NOVEMBER THANKS

The Clean and Beautiful Committee of West Valley City would like to give THANKS for all of you who joined our ranks, stepped up and volunteered, trash and weeds were cleared and graffiti disappeared. You helped plant lots of trees, for a cool gentle breeze, waited for spring showers, to water thirsty flowers. Thanks again for working in our space, and making West Valley a Clean and Beautiful place.



**Happy Thanksgiving from
The Clean and Beautiful Committee**

Electronic Recycling in West Valley City

West Valley City and the Salt Lake Valley Health Department have teamed up to offer Salt Lake County residents an electronic waste drop-off site at the West Valley City Sanitation and Fleet Maintenance Facility (2805 South 3600 West).

Residents may drop-off electronic

waste during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) after speaking with an employee at the front desk. Business use is not allowed. For more information on what items can be recycled, please visit www.wvc-ut.gov/ewaste or call 801-955-3720.

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities 4090 South 3600 West 801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

November

- 16 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 17 AARP Drivers Safety Class, 9 a.m.
- 17 Granger High Bingo, 10:45 a.m.
- 18 Thanksgiving Dinner and Entertainment
- 24 CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY
- 25 CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 30 Ralph Laverne, Sherry, Rosie & the Boys Entertainment, 11a.m.

For a complete calendar, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/harman.

Weekly Activities

Bowling at Delton Lanes, Monday, 12PM
Scrapbooking/Card Class, Monday, 1PM
Chess Club, Wednesdays, 12:30PM
Railroad Club – Thursdays, 10:00AM
Tai Chi – Tuesdays, 1:30PM, FREE
Bingo – Tuesdays, 12:45AM; Fridays, 10:15AM
Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00AM
Drama Class – Wednesdays, 1PM
Billiards and Cards – Daily

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:
West Valley City Update
Newsletter 3600 South,
Constitution Blvd.
West Valley City, UT 84119
or E-mail: info@wvc-ut.gov



Calendar

November

- 17 Trees of Diversity (through December 29)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 18 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 Winter Concert Series: Eastern Strings & Western Airs Vietnamese National Concert
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 21 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 24 City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 25 Utah Grizzlies vs. Alaska Aces
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 26 Utah Grizzlies vs. Alaska Aces
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 30 Flo Rida with We the Kings and more!
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

December

- 1 Trees of Diversity (through December 29)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 2 Utah Grizzlies vs. Colorado Eagles
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 3 Winter Market
Utah Cultural Celebration Center,
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- 7 Milk with the Mayor Mayor's Office,
West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 10 2 with Talos
Valley Fair Mall Center Court, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- 12 Winter Concert Series: Beehive
Statesman Chorus
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7 p.m.
- 14 Utah Grizzlies vs. Colorado Eagles
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 16 Utah Grizzlies vs. Colorado Eagles
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 Winter Concert Series: Bonnie Harris
Christmas Concert
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7 p.m.
- 26 City Hall Closed – Christmas Holiday



Give back to your community VOLUNTEER!

Come help families keep more of what they earn through the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program. Experience making a difference by helping families get free tax preparation services.

Free training in basic tax law is provided for tax preparers. Some volunteer opportunities do not require knowledge of tax law. There is a volunteer opportunity for EVERYONE!

We need your help! Come see how the **Earned Income Tax Credit** and tax preparation can help keep families out of poverty. Volunteer opportunities are available all over the state of Utah with flexible hours to fit your schedule.

Sign-up on line at
www.utahtaxhelp.org

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